**SEC. 203. PRESIDENTS COMMISSION ON THE FEDERAL APPOINTMENT PROCESS.**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There shall be established an advisory commission to study the best means of simplifying the Presidential appointment process, in particular by reducing the number and complexity of forms to be completed by nominees. The Commission shall be known as the President's Commission on the Federal Appointment Process.

(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Commission shall be composed of 14 members from among officers and employees of the three branches of the Federal Government. Eight members shall be appointed by the President, two members shall be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, two members shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and one member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives. Any vacancy on the Commission shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointment.

(3) REPORT.—The Commission shall present its report to the President no later than ninety days after its first meeting. The Commission shall cease to exist upon submission of its report.

# TITLE III—GIFTS AND TRAVEL

**SEC. 301. GIFTS TO SUPERIORS.**

Section 7351 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by—

(4) adding "(a)" before "An employee may not"; and

(5) striking the final sentence and inserting the following:

"(b) An employee who violates this section shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action by the employing agency or entity.

(c) The Office of Government Ethics is authorized to issue regulations implementing this section, including regulations exempting voluntary gifts or contributions that are given or received for special occasions such as marriage or retirement or under other similar circumstances.".

**SEC. 302. TRAVEL ACCEPTANCE AUTHORITY.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter HI of chapter 13 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

**352. Acceptance of travel and related expenses from non-Federal sources**

"(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,

the Administrator of General Services, in consultation with the Director of the Office of Government Ethics, shall prescribe by regulation the conditions under which an agency or employee in the executive branch may accept payment from non-Federal sources for travel, subsistence, and related expenses with respect to attendance of the employee (or the spouse of such employee) at any meeting or similar function relating to the official duties of the employee. Any cash payment so accepted shall be credited to the appropriation applicable to such expenses. In the case of a payment in kind so accepted, a pro rata reduction shall be made in any entitlement of the employee to payment from the Government for such expenses.

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